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WEATHER—FAIR AND WARMER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1917.

ONE CENT in Washington and points suburban
thereof. ELSEWHERE TWO CENTS

OFFICIALS FEAR BRITISH ACTION AGAINST MEXICO

Suspect German Plot to Em-
broil U. S. Through Mon-
roe Doctrine Issue.

WILL FORESTALL MOVE

Washington Plans to Guard English
Interests, to Prevent Foreign
Military Invasion.

Grave concern over the continued in-
timations that Carranza proposes to
establish some sort of an embargo
against the export of Mexican products
was apparent in official circles here last
night. While officials of the State, War
and Navy Departments declined to dis-
cuss the question, it was understood that
plans had been made to forestall any
move in Mexico which might embroil
the United States with European nations
through the Monroe doctrine. It is be-
lieved that the actual use of naval de-
tachments and marines will be ordered
if necessary, to protect foreign interests
in Mexico.

Apparently authentic reports from
Mexico stated that the Carranza govern-
ment proposes to impose an embargo
which would prohibit the export of
petroleum from the Tampico and Tux-
tepec districts. The direct result of this
would be to cut off the British naval
supply of fuel oil now secured from
Mexico. A large part of the British
supply comes from the big Proteco well
in the Tuxtepec district which produces
115,000 barrels of crude oil a day.

Must Reckon with Britain.

It became known here last night that
Great Britain is determined to keep the
Proteco well open to the world, and that
she will protect the well, which is Brit-
ish property, by force if necessary. It
was stated on authority last night, how-
ever, that the United States will demand
strict compliance with the Monroe doc-
trine in this connection, and that if any
armed force is necessary to control af-
fairs in Mexico, American troops will be
available. The Navy Department in ac-
cordance with the strict censorship on
naval matters has been ordered to keep
what American ships were in the neigh-
borhood of the Mexican coast. It was
believed, however, that several cruisers
are in the vicinity.

Continued reports of German propa-
ganda activity in Mexico declared Wash-
ington last night from confidential
sources.

Three Men Murdered.

Andrew Peterson, Hugh Aard and Bert
Jensen, the three American cowboys
whose bodies were found yesterday in
Mexican territory, about half a mile
south of the international boundary, were
apparently murdered, according to the
judgment of the commanding
officer of the United States troops at
Hachita, N. Mex., who reported today to
the War Department. Lem Spillbury,
the Mormon scout who discovered the
remains, said that all three of the cow-
boys had been shot through the brain.
The bodies were recovered and last night
were to be brought into Hachita.

The War Department is convinced that
the activities of the renegades in the
country to the south of Hachita are being
conducted by Gen. Jose Salazar, a free-
booter and general trouble-maker, who
at one time was affiliated with the Car-
ranza army and who for the last few
months has been actively engaged in
banditry throughout the northern end
of Chihuahua and Sonora.

It is also believed that the army men
conversant with conditions below the
border that Salazar is only waiting a
chance to raid United States territory in
the south.

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GERMANS PENETRATE FOUR ENEMY TRENCHES

French Fail to Regain 2,500 Yards of
Lost Ground.

(By the International News Service.)
Berlin, Feb. 16.—By a sudden storm
attack near Hill No. 135 in Champagne, the
Germans penetrated the French position
for a depth of half a mile over a front
of 2,500 yards, the war office announced
today.

The Germans swept across four lines of
trenches, capturing 337 prisoners. About
twenty machine guns were captured, it
was stated. The Germans sustained small
losses. The French tried to regain the
lost ground with counter-attacks, but
failed, the official report said.

Petrograd, Feb. 16.—The battle between
Austro-German and Russian troops which
developed near Zloczov, east of Lemberg,
has come to an end by the repulse of all
the Teutonic attacks, the war office an-
nounced. Showdowns are still inter-
fering with fighting in the Carpathians.
Desultory fighting was reported from
the Rumanian front.

SAILORS WEAR U. S. FLAGS.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Forty American
sailors, with small American flags sewed
on their coats, sailed today for Liverpool
on the British steamer Harmattan.

The officers of the ship, in their clothing
in hopes that they would not be made
prisoners if the vessel is captured by the
Germans. The vessel has a cargo
of 1,000 horses.

ALIEN LAND BILL QUASHED.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 16.—The anti-alien
land ownership bill recently killed in the
State senate, will not be introduced
at the present session of the Idaho
legislature, according to statements made
today by administration leaders in both
houses.

Late this afternoon an effort was made
to re-introduce the bill.

Terms of Proposition Accepted by Paper Men

Manufacturers will bind them-
selves to charge such maximum
price as the Federal Trade Com-
mission may determine to be reason-
able.

They will alter existing contracts
calling for higher prices to con-
form to the new standard.

They will extend the benefits of
the agreement to any new pub-
lishers entering the field.

They will not permit wealthy
publishers to buy up heavy stocks,
but will distribute supplies equit-
ably.

They will sell freely at the price
fixed to publishers having no con-
tracts.

They will live up to the agree-
ment for the period from March 1
to September 1, 1917.

RAISES CERTAIN

Conferees Will Compromise
as to Clerk Schedule.

Compromise in the differences between
the House and the Senate over the sal-
ary increases for Federal and District em-
ployees will bring advances of ten per
cent to employees in the \$1,000 grade and
below, and five per cent for employees
between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

Such an agreement has been reached
between the House and Senate leaders,
and it will be incorporated in the con-
ference report of the agricultural bill,
which will be the first of the big ap-
propriation bills to come before the
House, and which will be presented by
Representative Lever today.

It marks a great victory for the gov-
ernment employees and brings their move-
ment to secure increases within shadow
of the final goal. If the House accepts
this schedule of increases, as seems prob-
able, it will mean that the standard for
an increase has been reached and a sim-
ilar provision written into all the other
supply bills to be enacted before ad-
journment.

Representative Bryns, of Tennessee,
in charge of the House conference com-
mittee on the legislative bill, has tried
vainly to secure a meeting of his con-
ferees to discuss the question of dis-
agreement between the House and the
Senate on the matter of increases. Be-
cause Senate conferees have been asked
on other matters, it has not been pos-
sible to arrange a conference, but it is
understood that the conferees will ac-
cept the compromise between the Senate
amendment and the House bill.

Food Supply Crisis
Now Facing Italy

Government Moves to Remedy Situa-
tion—Two Meatless Days a Week.

(By the International News Service.)
Rome, (by mail to New York), Feb.
16.—The Italian government is taking
steps to avert a food crisis. Already
the situation is serious. There are
now two meatless days a week and
three days a week, pastry may not
be baked nor sold. The suggestion
that the card system be introduced
for the sale of sugar, butter and
perhaps bread, is under consideration.

The government outlined a program
of restrictions and conservation in a
circular letter which Minister of In-
terior Orlando has addressed to the
prefect of every province. Simultane-
ously, a nation-wide campaign has
been started under the leadership of
Prof. Leonardo Bianchi, minister with-
out portfolio, tending to secure the
co-operation of every Italian housewife
in the enforcement of the new rules
regulating the distribution of foods.

Food experts who have been called
from every corner of the kingdom to
act as advisers to the government in
the solution of food problems main-
tain that, owing to the rapid exhaus-
tion of supplies and the impossibility
of restoring them, the internal situa-
tion will grow daily worse.

G. A. R. VETERANS MAY
BE CALLED TO COLORS

Local Patriots Vote Tonight on Serv-
ing as Recruiting Officers.

Veterans of the local Grand Army of
the Republic, every man-Jack of them
more than 65 years old, may be called
back to the colors. The call, planned to
help meet the present war crisis, will be
formally considered tonight when the
seventeen posts gather for the installa-
tion of new officers.

There is no intention of sending the
veterans into the trenches. It is planned,
however, to have them serve as recruit-
ing officers. Each of the seventeen posts
in the District of Columbia is to be con-
verted into a recruiting station.

The 98th put on their uniforms for the
first time since the war was over, and
again will be made at the meeting to-
night by John McElroy, commander of
Kit Carson Post, No. 3, and former de-
partment commander.

"We are too old to do much hiking now,
but we want to do whatever we can,"
said Mr. McElroy.

Mysterious Fire Aboard
Fall River Line Steamer

New York, Feb. 16.—Fire of a mysteri-
ous origin broke out in the engine-room
of the steamer City of Stamford at her
pier here today and burned the craft to
the water's edge. The end of the recrea-
tion pier at the foot of Market street,
where the boat was moored, was also
damaged by fire.

The City of Stamford, owned by the
Fall River Line, plies between New York
and Stamford, Conn. Arriving here at 8
o'clock this morning with a cargo of
cotton goods, but a portion of her freight
had been removed when the fire broke
out.

AGREE TO SUBMIT
TO PRICE FIXING

Newsprint Paper Manufactur-
ers Will Abide by Com-
mission's Decision.

For the first time in the history of
American big business, an industry has
voluntarily offered to submit to price
fixing by a government agency, and as
a result it is expected that the Federal
Trade Commission will fix a maximum
price for newsprint paper by March 1
next.

The principal newsprint paper manu-
facturers of the United States and Can-
ada have submitted to the commission
a proposition providing that they will
agree to be bound by any price for paper
which the commission declares upon
arbitration to be fair and reasonable.

The commission has taken the proposi-
tion under consideration, and it is strongly
intimated that the plan will be accepted
and carried out promptly. Scores of
small newspaper publishers have in-
formed the commission that unless relief
is forthcoming shortly, they must sus-
pend. Prices for paper have increased
over a range of from 100 to 200 per
cent in the last eighteen months.

While the manufacturers in their
proposal to the commission expressly
deny they have violated the anti-trust
laws in the conduct of their business,
it was intimated at the commission that
the activity of the Department of Justice
in seeking indictments against the offer-
ers of the newsprint paper situation is
a solution of the problem.

McAdoo Responsible.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was
largely responsible for the successful ne-
gotiations which concluded in yesterday's
proposal. He demonstrated the determi-
nation of the administration to find a
solution of the problem, and by his efforts
he brought the paper manu-
facturers to agree to the unprecedented
proposal that the price question be placed
in the hands of the Trade Commission.
Secretary McAdoo has been in personal
touch with the negotiations since they
began and has devoted much of his time
to bringing the newsprint paper situa-
tion to a solution.

Francis J. Heney, of Los Angeles, re-
cently retained by the commission to
act as mediator.

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AMBASSADOR'S AIDE
KILLED IN SMASH-UP

F. J. Joannini Fractures Skull When
Auto Hits Wagon.

Frank L. Joannini, 40 years old, private
secretary and aide to Romulo
S. Nacón, Ambassador from Argentina,
died in Emergency Hospital early this
morning the result of an automobile ac-
cident which occurred early last night in
Eighteenth street near P. northwest. His
skull was fractured and internal injuries.
Mr. Joannini, who resides at 3335 Sev-
enteenth street northwest, is suffering
from a fractured skull and internal in-
juries. At a late hour last night he had
regained consciousness.

F. B. Ochsenreiter, 540 Shepherd street
northwest, owner of the machine in which
Mr. Joannini was a passenger, was driv-
ing at the time of the smash but escaped
injury, as did Welding D. Owens, 154
Corcoran street northwest, who was also
in the front seat.

Only a few moments before Mr.
Joannini died, Ochsenreiter was released
by the police of the Third precinct, where
he was taken following the smash-up on
charges of colliding and operating an
automobile while intoxicated, on \$2,000
bond. Upon being informed of Joannini's
demise, a "lookout" was telephoned to
the various precincts for Ochsenreiter.

According to a statement made last
night by Mr. Owens, he and Mr. Joannini
and Ochsenreiter were on their way home
from the Evans building in Ochsenrei-
ter's car. Mr. Joannini was sitting in the
rear seat of the machine.

The machine, bound north on Eight-
eenth street, in the center of the street,
struck a wagon driven by Edward Reed,
colored, of 2012 L street northwest, com-
ing in the opposite direction, and also
in the center of the street. Joannini was
thrown out, landed on his head, and
when picked up, was unconscious. He
was lifted into a passing machine which
brought him to the hospital.

Both the machine and the wagon were
badly damaged. Reed, the wagon driver,
escaped with a few bruises.

BANDITS WRECK FOUR
TRAINS; 200 KILLED

Reports from Mexico City Say Zapat-
istas Placed Dynamite Under Cars.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 16.—Between 150 and
200 passengers and de facto government
soldiers were killed when four trains were
blown to atoms near Orizaba, half way
between Mexico City and Vera Cruz
according to passengers arriving from
Mexico City today.

The trains were all wrecked within
three hours the passengers say. Zapatistas
placed dynamite under them. Bombs
were placed under one of the trains while
it stood on a bridge and it was blown to
pieces with its human freight.

After the trains were wrecked, the
Zapatistas robbed the dead of their cloth-
ing and belongings, it is said.

INFANTRY GUARD BRIDGE.

Boughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Follow-
ing the report of the discovery of a plot
to blow up the Boughkeepsie Bridge,
Companies E and F, Tenth Infantry,
Catskill, was ordered here for patrol
duty near Walden.

They are now quartered in the State
armory.

OPPOSE HIRING JOURNALISTS.

New York, Feb. 16.—As a result of
testimony in the investigation of Presi-
dent Wilson's peace note, the board of
governors of the New York Stock Ex-
change today passed a resolution con-
cerning the practice of brokerage firms
hiring newspapermen to furnish them
with advance information.

Every hour on the hour, Baltimore
and Ohio, \$1.75 round trip, Saturdays
and Sundays, \$1.50.—Adv.

SIX SHIPS SENT DOWN IN U-BOAT WARFARE

(By the International News Service.)
New York, Feb. 16.—Six more
vessels, four of them British and
two trawlers of unidentified na-
tionality, were listed by Lloyd's to-
day as having been sunk. So far
as is known no lives were lost. To-
day's toll brings the total number
of ships sunk since February 1, to
113 and the total tonnage to 213,450.

Reported Friday, Long Scar,
British, 2,777 tons.
Greenland, British, 1,753 tons.
Percy Roy, British, 110 tons.
Kyunati, British.
Two trawlers.
Total, six ships, 4,640 tons.
Previously reported, 107 ships,
214,810 tons.
Grand total, 113 ships, 219,450 tons.

BRIDGE UNSAFE

Aqueduct Declared Apt to
Fall Any Minute.

The old Aqueduct Bridge spanning the
Potomac at Georgetown is likely to go
down any minute.

This was the unqualified opinion ex-
pressed last night by Lieut. Col. C. A. F.
Flagler, U. S. A., engineer officer in
charge of Washington waterways.

The peril will be vastly increased, says
Col. Flagler, as soon as the ice thaws
and breaks up, and sweeps down the
river, jamming against the tottering piers
of the antique structure.

This heightened peril is likely to arise
before the fall of darkness tonight, as
the bridge was structurally weak and
unsafe and aimed to be replaced, at the
end of a relatively warm day, announced
that it would be still warmer today.

"Fully a year ago," said Col. Flagler,
"I reported to the War Department and
to the District Commissioners that the
bridge was structurally weak and unsafe
and recommended that it would be ad-
visable to stop traffic over it."

"The Potomac above the bridge is
clogged with ice. As it begins to thaw
the bridge will be likely to go down at
almost any minute."

"As soon as this thaw commences traf-
fic over the bridge, in my opinion, should
be stopped, but this is a matter that
comes solely under the jurisdiction of the
District Commissioners."

Measures Giving Government Drastic
Power Before Senate.

The Senate yesterday began considera-
tion of the 14 measures, suggested by the
Department of Justice, designed to ma-
ke the counter spy and conspiracy laws
and aimed to give the government more
drastic powers in dealing with bomb-
plots and other foreign intrigues in the
United States.

Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate
Judiciary Committee, urged
punishment of editors and publishers
making false statements to influence the
attitude of the United States towards
any other nation.

There is no shadow of doubt in the
mind of any fair thinking person that
there is a cabal of great newspapers in
this country seeking to create sentiment
and coerce the government of the United
States into an attitude of hostility with
one of the belligerent powers," said Sen-
ator Stone. "I believe that anyone who
makes such false statements is a public
enemy and that he should be punished."

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, made vigor-
ous protest against the measure to
give the President power to use the
army and navy to detain munitions de-
signed to be exported in violation of
the law. He offered an amendment con-
siderably modifying the measure. Sen-
ators Sutherland and Fall opposed the
amendment and Senator Cummins finally
withdrew it to perfect it.

TELEGRAPH TIPS

Paris, Feb. 16.—Mme. Rose Beurre Ro-
din, the bride of three weeks of Auguste
Rodin, famous sculptor, is dead at Meudon,
according to the Petit Journal.

London, Feb. 16.—Germany has made a
new war loan of £2,500,000 Turkish pounds
to Turkey, say a Reuter dispatch from
Amsterdam today.

Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—The newest and
biggest type of German submarines
which are now enforcing the blockade
around the British Isles are known in
German naval circles at Kiel as "ray
sea devils," according to a letter pub-
lished in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The government has is-
sued a decree raising the maximum of
notes that the Bank of France may is-
sue from \$3,000,000,000 to \$4,200,000,000.

Stockholm, Feb. 16.—The Swedish gov-
ernment has decided to take over all the
cereals. The decree will forbid the feed-
ing of potatoes to animals.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 16.—Miss Margaret
Judge, 57, who accumulated a million
dollars by her business skill, is the bride
of Joseph Hutchins, 30, her chauffeur.

Haskell, N. J., Feb. 16.—One man was
killed and five were injured today in
the explosion of a 3-inch shell in the
Atwood plant of the duPont Powder Com-
pany near here.

Boston, Feb. 16.—On a tip that a plot
was on foot to damage the Massachusetts
State house some time Sunday, a strong
police guard was put today at all en-
trances around the grounds of the struc-
ture.

London, Feb. 16.—It is reported from
The Hague today that food riots have
taken place there in front of Queen Wil-
helmina's palace. The rioters were dis-
persed by soldiers and policemen.

Quickest Service to Baltimore.
Every hour on the hour, Baltimore
and Ohio, \$1.75 round trip, Saturdays
and Sundays, \$1.50.—Adv.

GERMAN AGENT JAILED AS SPY

Teuton on Border Alleged to
Have "Pumped" U. S.
Army Officers.

(By the International News Service.)
Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 16.—On the charge
that as a spy of the German government,
he unlawfully obtained military secrets
and information of the United States,
Fritz Kaiser, a German subject, was ar-
rested here today on information filed
by agents of the Department of Justice.

In the capture of Kaiser, Federal
agents believe they have apprehended
the most clever German intelligence
agent on the border. He is said to have
been under surveillance for three years.

The technical charge against Kaiser
is that he violated the espionage section
of the national defense act making it a felony
to obtain unlawfully or to disclose in-
formation as to American defenses.

Kaiser, it is reported, was engaged in
the task of learning the strength, ef-
ficiency and equipment of the United
States and obtaining information regard-
ing munition supplies and the morale of
the army officers.

Kaiser was employed as a shipping
warehouse clerk for an American com-
pany. It is alleged that through his laxity
entertaining he put himself in the good
graces of officers and men of the United
States army and drew from them much
information.

Militia officers of the California, Idaho,
Utah, Connecticut and Alabama regiments,
unversed in the operations of European
spies, are said to have given important
information to the alleged spy, unwittingly.
He is said to have paid particular at-
tention to militiamen of German descent.

A fine type of the polished Prussian
military man and able to speak five lan-
guages fluently, Kaiser presided at night-
ly affairs in cafes where wine-and often
information—flowed freely. United States
Secret Service agents who had been trail-
ing Kaiser for some time often occupied
adjoining cafe booths and took notes of
the line of questioning he used upon mil-
itia officers.

Often Kaiser plied his guests with the
same line of questions he had put to an-
other group the previous night, Federal
agents report. He has bent his energies
particularly to the task of learning some-
thing of American munition supplies,
the government men said.

RAIDS ALONG BORDER
CAUSED BY GERMANS

El Paso Hears Government Agents
Probe Acts of Teuton Consuls.

(By the International News Service.)
El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—Department of
Justice agents, who are investigating re-
ports that German consuls who fled into
Mexico are responsible for the sudden re-
newal of activity by bandit forces near the
border.

It was pointed out here that on the
heels of the German crisis came fresh at-
tacks by bandits at widely separated
points along the border, culminating in
the killing of three cowboys near Hachita,
N. Mex., and a sharp skirmish between
Mexicans and Florida infantrymen near
Zapata, Tex.

At the same time Villista forces sud-
denly became active south of Juarez
after several weeks of quiet and Felicistas
began ravaging the district between Mon-
terey and Laredo, Tex.

Renewal of the bandit operations col-
lided also with the withdrawal of Gen.
Pezulung's forces from Mexico. Federal
agents are taking into account the possi-
bility that the bandits may have been en-
couraged to fresh depredations by the
American retreatment.

LINER PHILADELPHIA SAILS FOR NEW YORK

Second Vessel of U. S. Ownership to
Leave Since February 1.

New York, Feb. 16.—Word was received
here today that the American liner Phila-
delphia, thirty-eight days after her
departure from Liverpool for New York
on Wednesday, will be the second
passenger ship of American owner-
ship to leave Liverpool since Germany's
ruthless submarine war was inaugurated
on February 1.

Of the ninety-five passengers on the
Philadelphia, thirty-eight were Ameri-
cans. Several of the Americans cancelled
their passage at the last moment. The
Philadelphia is unarmed.

Boys Battle Officers As Automobiles Race

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 16.—A revolving battle
fought from automobiles speeding over
country roads at a mile a minute was the
climax of a daring attempt to hold up
the First National Bank of Lockport, Ill.,
today while the streets of the town were
filled with people.

The chase resulted in the capture of the
two alleged bandits—Thomas Murray, 19,
and Frank Allen, 20, both of Chicago.

The two youths, it is said, entered the
bank at noon and ordered Cashier C. H.
Muehlenpford and Assistant Cashier A.
F. Daly to "shell out." Muehlenpford
opened fire and the pair ran to a waiting
automobile.

SEARCHING FOR RAIDERS.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 16.—British cruisers
are continuing their search in the South
Atlantic for German commerce raiders
which escaped in the darkness after a
battle off Fernando de Noronha, accord-
ing to advices received here today.

Reports of the fight are vague, some
saying that only the British cruiser Amer-
thyst took part and others that more than
one warship engaged the raiders.

THINK SHIP "KIDNAPPED."

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 16.—A search
extending the entire length of the At-
lantic seaboard for miles out to sea was
begun today for the auxiliary schooner
Galata, which disappeared mysteriously
from her dock here several nights ago
while the crew was ashore.

It is believed the vessel was "kidnapped"
to carry arms and ammunition to Cuban
revolutionists.

WILSON READY TO ASK FOR AUTHORITY TO USE ARMED FORCES OF U. S.

President Expected to Appear Before Con-
gress Within Few Days to Discuss
International Situation.

REASON FOR THE LONG DELAY

Executive Waiting Until Americans Leave Teu-
tonic Countries—Grave Concern Over
American Consuls.